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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the following documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits and is therefore submitted as both timely and proper.

It is respectfully requested that the information above be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and that the publication be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This submission does not constitute a representation by Applicants that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that any of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." Applicants reserve the right to take appropriate

action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Copies of the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are submitted herewith. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 with the next Patent Office communication.

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